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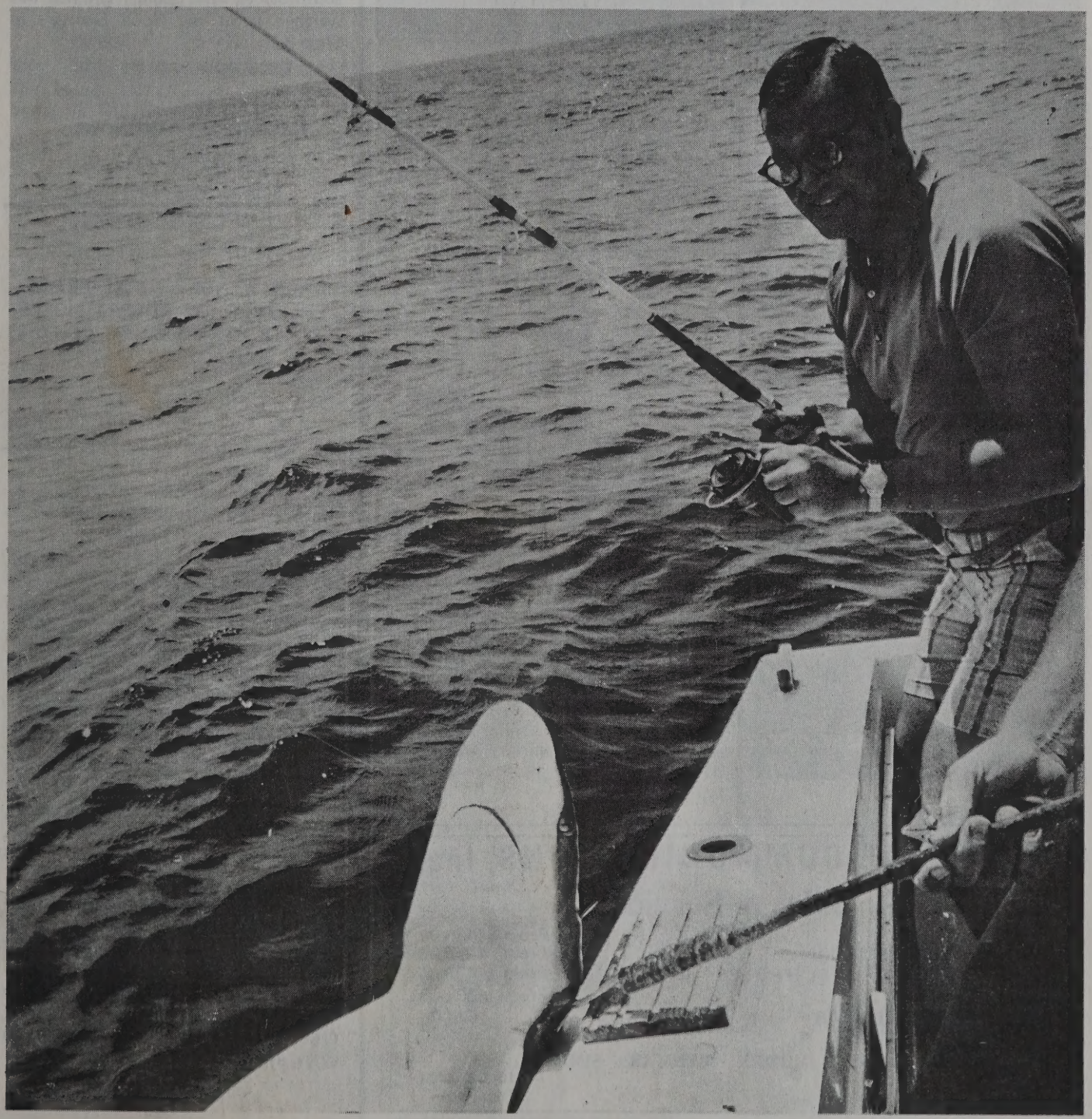

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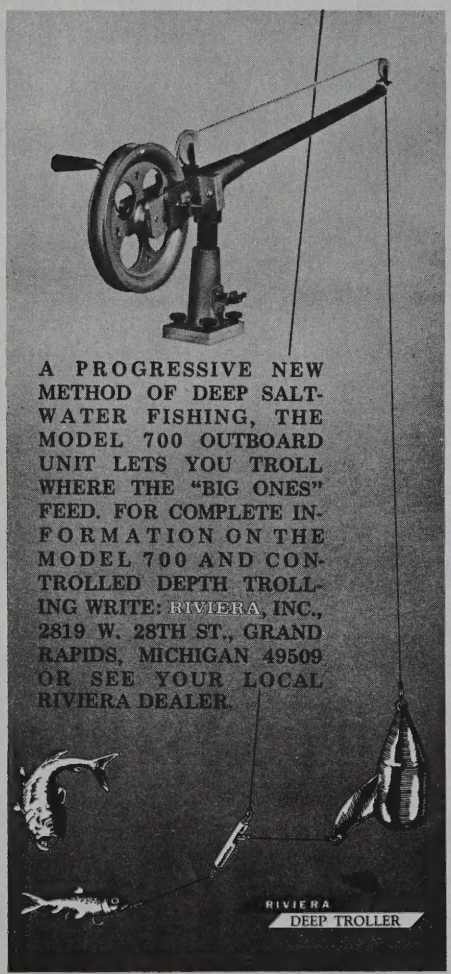
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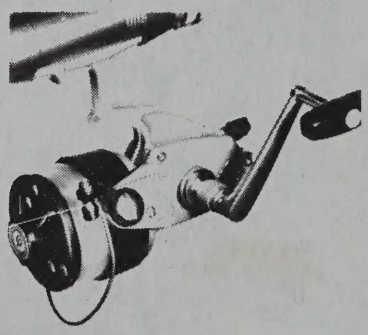

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FRONT PAGE PHOTO

The months of August and September find our offshore waters teeming with a wide variety of sharks. The Blue Shark, being our most common, will be in the news for the next couple of months. Others will be caught and the most sought-after, the Mako, should get fairly numerous as the offshore waters get warmer. Our front page photo shows Al Eremich with his first spinning tackle shark, a 50 lb. Dusky. Photo courtesy of Dick Mermon.

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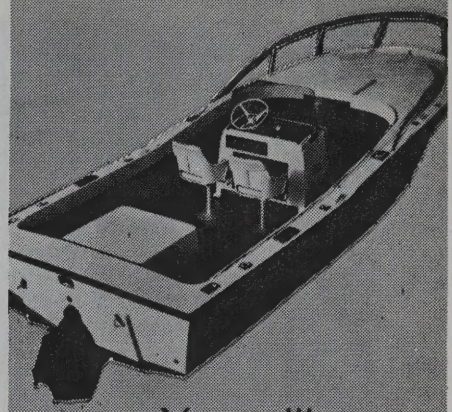

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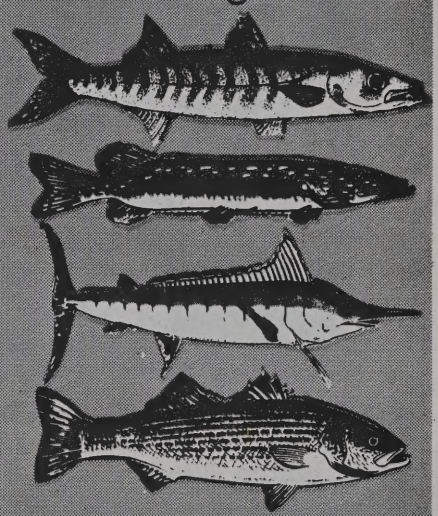

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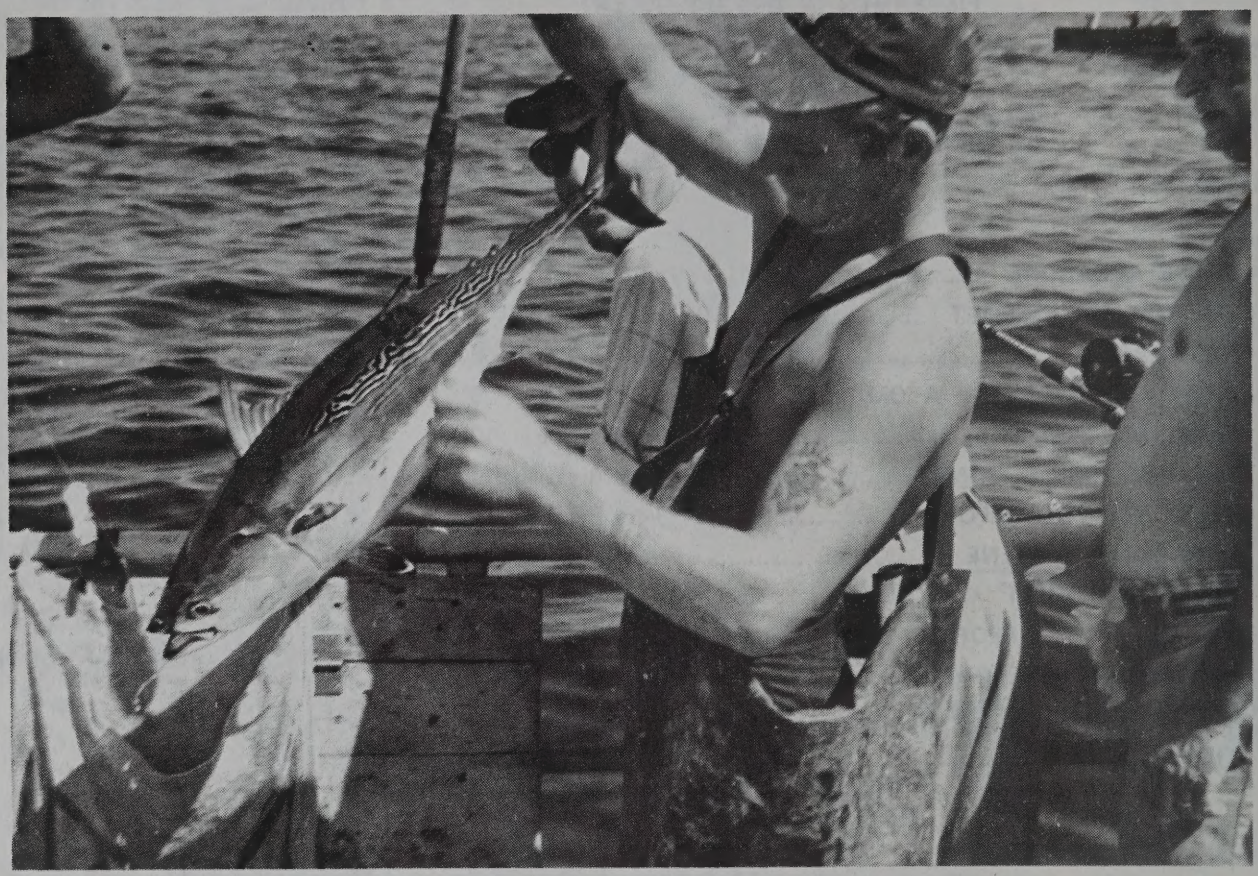


Many false albacore are caught when chumming for bluefish. This one, gaffed by the mate, was caught on a Sheepshead Bay Boat.

I'LL NEVER FORGET that hot August day when I was surf casting from a rock jetty at Far Rockaway when a big school of fish moved in between the rock jetties and churned the water to a white froth. They were chasing some kind of smaller fish - - - most likely small, snapper blues which were running at the time.

I was using a metal squid so I immediately cast into the turmoil and started reeling fast. Socko! I had a solid hit and my line zipped through the water as the fish headed out into the inlet and out to sea. I never knew a fish could move so fast! Almost half the line on my conventional reel disappeared from the spool and I began to worry. Fortunately the fish stopped, rested a few seconds, then tore off a few more yards of line. But it stopped once again and I started to pump it in. It took a long time against the fast current flowing out of the inlet to finally bring the fish up to the rocks where I walked it back toward the beach and landed the fish on the sand.

At first glance the fish looked like a small tuna, but a closer look showed some irregular stripes along its back and sides. Later when I weighed the fish, which went 14½ pounds, I found out that I had caught a false albacore, also called the "little tuna."

That was my first false albacore and since then I have taken others, but not from the beach or surf. They were caught well offshore from boats either trolling, casting or chumming and jigging. They do occasionally come close to shore in our waters, mostly during the late summer or early fall months. But most of the false albacore that are caught off Long Island and New Jersey are taken by boat anglers seeking other species such as school tuna or bluefish.

False albacore range from Cape Cod to tropical waters and appear in our waters this month and usually stay until the end of October. They are never very plentiful in our waters and you run into schools from time to time. Farther south from the Carolinas to Florida they are more common and can be caught in southern waters the year round.

Most false albacore are caught by trolling, usually on the same tackle and lures used for school tuna. They'll hit feather lures, jigs, metal squids, spoons, cedar jigs, tube lures and fish strips. They like fast moving lures so keep the boat going from 8 to 10 knots. But drop the lines back farther than you do for school tuna. Anywhere from 50 to 150 feet will do the trick.

Sometimes you can actually see false albacore breaking water, chasing small mackerel, herring, squid or other bait. Then you can troll in that area, but most of the time you have to troll blind as you do for school tuna and hope to run into some false albacore.

Even if you see them breaking or know there are false albacore around, it doesn't mean they will hit your lure. False albacore can be mighty shy about hitting even though present in large numbers. Usually you'll get more hits and fish if the water is choppy rather than glassy-smooth.

ARE TOUGH

By Vlad Evanoff

Hook a false albacore on a light spinning outfit and you'll have your hands full for an hour or so.

False albacore can also be caught by chumming just as you do for bluefish or tuna. They will follow up a chum slick of ground bunker and move right up to the boat at such times. Actually very few anglers chum just for false albacore. They usually chum for blues or tuna and the false albacore move in for a free handout.

They'll hit the same butterfish or bunker bait just like bluefish do, but tend to be more leader and hook shy and if you are using a heavy leader or big hook, you'll scare away these fish. On party boats you don't have too much choice. Wtih everybody using heavy rods and lines you also have to use 30 pound test line to fight and boat a false albacore with so many lines in the water. But you can still change your hook to a small albacore-tuna type and bury it in the bait.

On a private boat, where all the anglers are using light tackle, and only two or three anglers are fishing, you can use lighter lines and leaders. Then a conventional salt-water rod and reel filled with 20 pound test line is good. Spinning outfits with 10 to 20 pound test lines can also be used for top sport. Tie your hook directly to the line and avoid all kinds of snaps, swivels or other hardware.

One of the best baits you can use for false albacore is a dead spearing about 3 or 4 inches long, hooked through the eyes. Drift this out in the chum slick and throw a few of the spearing out as chum from time to time.

I've also caught false albacore by jigging when they show up in a chum slick. For this I use a one-handed spinning rod with a sturdy but small salt-water spinning reel filled with at least 200 yards of 8 lb. test line. Then when you see the false albacore in the slick, lower an all-white or all-yellow bucktail jig a few feet down and start working it up and down.

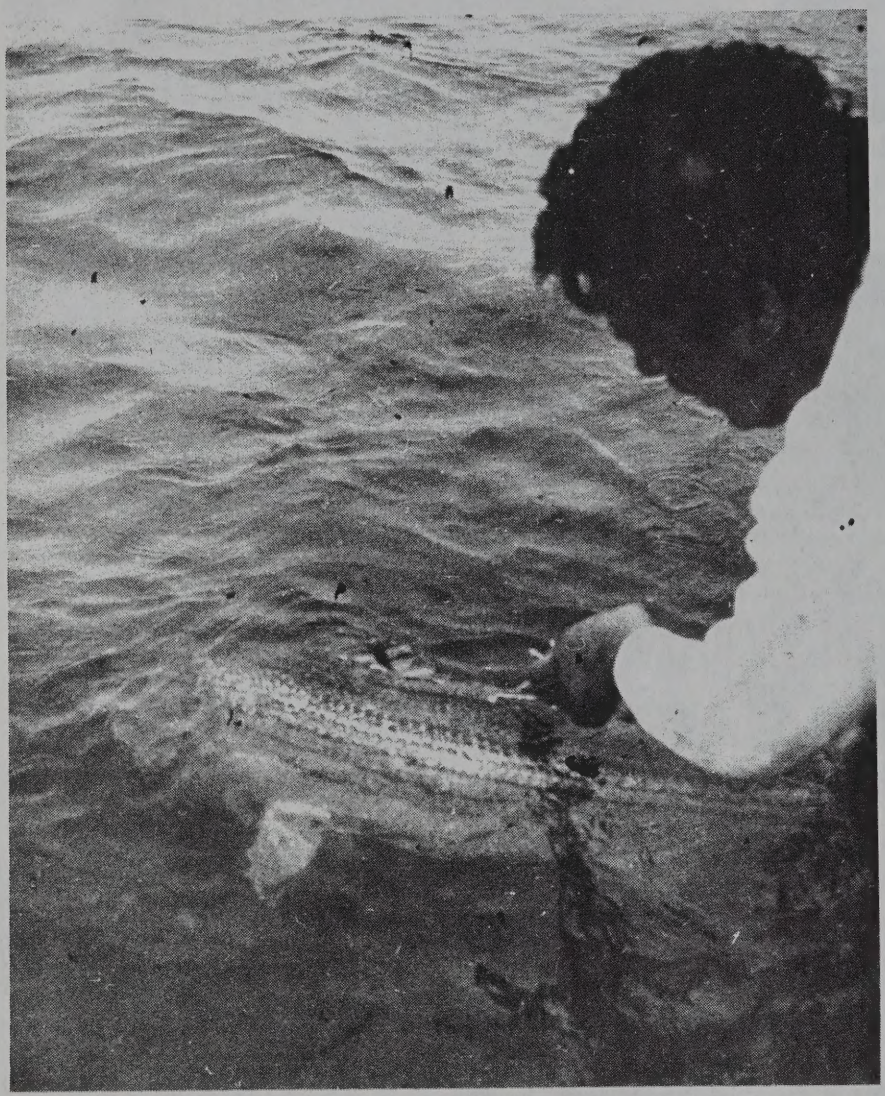
I once hooked a 17 lb. false albacore on such a jig and light spinning outfit off New Jersey. It took me around the boat several times and over an hour to finally subdue it. On its first run we had to start the boat and follow it to regain line.

And as mentioned earlier, false albacore will also hit a lure cast either from a jetty, shore or from a boat. This is most effective when you see the false albacore actually chasing baitfish on top and churning the water. Even then you may cast for a long time before you finally hook a fish. You'll hook more fish if you reel in as fast as you can turn the handle.

But no matter how you catch false albacore and no matter what kind of fishing tackle you use, you'll find them one of the toughest fish you'll ever hook. They would be much more popular if they were first-rate eating. They can be eaten if they are bled immediately and the meat is soaked in heavy salt brine and cold water for a few hours or even overnight. They then can be cooked like any other fish. But they have a strong, oily flavor like most tunas and bonitos and many anglers do not bother eating them.

THE ULTIMATE SPORT: FISH TAGGING AND RELEASING

By Peter A Barrett



Vince Grippo tags and releases a 33 pounder off Sandy Hook.

FISHERIES BIOLOGISTS tell us that tagging and releasing game fish, large and small, can be a vital source of information and a valuable aid to help them determine the migration routes, rates of growth and population fluctuations of our favorite game fish. There are many examples to show the value of tagging programs, but let's take a look at one program developed right in Long Island designed to study the striped bass. For many, many years no one knew for sure exactly where the stripers went each winter and where they came from each spring. Many theories were expressed; the oldest of which was that most of our stripers were spawned and raised in the Chesapeake Bay.

A tagging program planned and directed by the Long Island League of Salt Water Sportsmen, under the guidance of Don Manns, finally helped solve a good portion of the mystery of the migrating Metropolitan New York and Long Island Sound stripers. The League worked in close conjunction with Dr. John Clark at the Sandy Hook Marine Laboratories in the Highlands, N.J., and a phenomenal 6,679 stripers were tagged by fishermen from New Brunswick to the Chesapeake. Most of the tags were concentrated however in the Long Island area. The results of this intense tagging program cleared away a certain amount of the foggy knowledge about New York stripers and pinpointed the Hudson River as one of the primary spawning and wintering areas.

The information gained from this study can have far-reaching effects. Hopefully, it can be used to protect the stripers against destruction by the proliferation of power plants on the Hudson. Previous to the study, the river was disregarded as a spawning area. If Con Ed were allowed to continue unchecked, their plans could have had serious deleterious results to Long Island Sound, South Shore and New Jersey striper fishermen.

Obviously, fish tagging has scientific value. Yet to me, as a fisherman, tagging has more importance than the purely scientific. It gives me a greater sense of sportsmanship and a good "gut feeling" that is hard to describe to anyone who has not yet participated in a tagging program. The fish you release become "your own" and you have a greater sense of rapport with the fish you are seeking. All in all, it makes my fishing much more fun - and that is what this fishing game is all about - FUN!

Other species besides the glamorous striped bass are important to biologists and would benefit from greater tagging pressure. Fluke and flounder tagging could help determine the range and extent of the offshore-inshore seasonal migrations of these excellent food and sport fish. Weakfish are prime candidates now that their populations are high. Codfish, porgies, blackfish and blues would also benefit by more tagging attention. Some fresh water species such as the trouts, black bass and pike may also be tagged, but it would be wise to check with your state fish and game or conservation department in case there are any special regulations.

Dery Bennett, Conservation Director of the American Littoral Society has even gone so far as to tag a goose

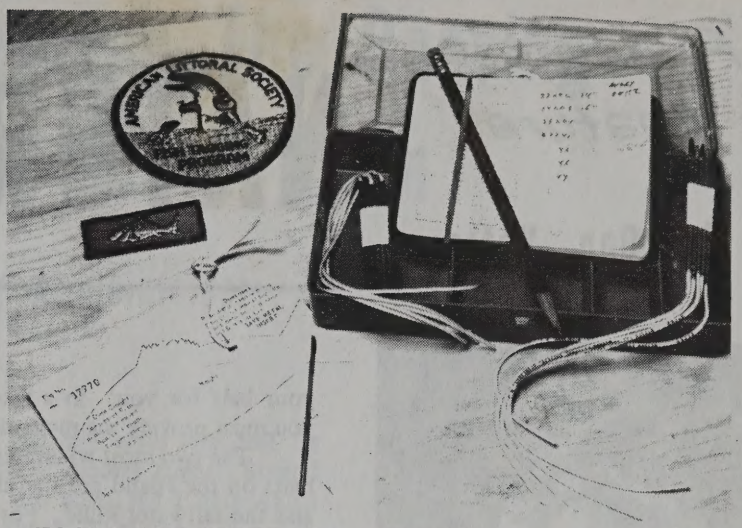
fish! Other exotics are cunners, skates, sharks and billfish. Sportsfishermen should remember that each fish, whether insignificant to sportfishermen or not, plays a definite role in the marine biological community and the ups and downs of a "trash fish" (as far as rod and reel angling is concerned) may directly affect or indicate impending danger to prime sports fish species.

The major proponent of a citizen tagging program has been the American Littoral Society, located at Sandy Hook, Highlands, N.J. At present, they have about 40,000 tagged fish recorded by many individuals all along the Atlantic Coast. The champion individual tagger is John Wells from Connecticut who has tagged approximately 2,000 fish and has had 173 returned. In order to create more interest in this program and to reward those who work the hardest, the Garcia Corporation has awarded conservation plaques to the American Littoral Society for individuals and clubs in 6 different categories. This has bred some friendly competition between clubs and sportsmen along the coasts and has placed more emphasis on the tagging program. The Daybreak Sportsmen have won "The Most Fish Tagged" category two years in a row and their grand total is over the 1200 mark.

Returns or recaptures of tagged fish approach 10%, and therefore, a tagger can expect to have approximately 10 out of every 100 fish he tags he recaptured by a sport or commercial fisherman within a period of a few months to 2 years. Occasionally, certain fish are free for a longer period of time such as Sylvester Kaminski's tautog which set a new record for the "longest time free," being recaught 1,297 days after the original release - nearly 4 years later!

A.L.S. tags are of the "spaghetti" type. These long, thin tags are made of yellow plastic coated with a tag number and the inscription "Return to American Littoral Society, Highlands, N.J." Each tag is matched to a correspondingly coded postcard which is filled out after each fish has been tagged. The tagging kits cost only $1 for a pack of 5 and includes an insertion needle, the tags and the matching cards. For larger fish, such as marlin, tuna and sharks, a dart type tag is also available for $1.50.

The actual tagging procedure is simple and takes but a few moments until your catch is returned safely to the water.



TOOLS of the TRADE: Al's emblem, tag kit and note book

Bring your fish over the side or up on the beach by using a net, release gaff or by hand. Quickly insert the needle and a yellow tag into the fleshy portion of the fish just behind the dorsal fin. After pulling the needle through until equal lengths of the tag are on each side of the fish, remove the needle and secure the tag with a simple overhand knot. Fill out the corresponding coded release card and mail it to the A.L.S.

In order to streamline their operation, proficient taggers use a small lure box to arrange the tags in numerical order. A tiny notebook lists the numbers of the tags to record the length, weight and species. When they return home, the information is transferred from the small book to the matching postcards and then returned to the A.L.S. This cuts down on some of the "bookkeeping" while you are out on the water.

Many of the fish you catch will still be full of vim and vigor, thrashing wildly while you are trying to insert the tag. For some reason they don't realize they're helping science! One trick to tranquilize lively fish is to put a damp towel over them. This works especially well with striped bass and bluefish. The towel also prevents removing an excessive amount of fish oil from the fish's skin before they are returned to the water. These oils help the fish speed through the water and offer a barrier against bacteria infection.

There are a few other things to keep in mind as you release Tired, played out fish should be revived by gently rocking them back and forth to circulate water through their gills. Their strength will return quickly. Sometimes a fish will be too pooped and will turn belly up. This is not the type of fish to tag and would be better off served as the evening entree. Tagged fish must be lively and healthy in order to be successfully released.

"Bunker dunkers" of Long Island Sound and Sandy Hook and other live bait fishermen should use untinned treble hooks to allow for quick dissolving by the digestive system of the big stripers caught at these locations. Cadmium-plated hooks may never dissolve and it is possible this type of hook could block the stomach of the fish, causing it to eventually perish. With untinned hooks, you can simply cut the leader and release the fish with no harm.

Size is also very important. If the released catch is too small, it won't be able to function properly with the length and weight of the tag and it may end up as "bait" for a bigger or healthier fish. As a general rule stripers should be at least 12 inches, blues about 9 inches, fluke and flounder about 9 inches, weakfish about 12 and blackfish about 10 inches. The bigger the fish released, the better are your chances of realizing a return. One rule of thumb is, "If the tag is longer than the fish - forget it."

When one of your releases is later recaptured by a sport or commercial fisherman, and the tag returned to the A.L.S., a chain reaction begins. Letters go out simultaneously to the person who recaught the fish and to you, the original tagger. These letters give a recap of the length, weight and location of the fish when it was originally tagged and when it was recaptured. This information is also published in the American Littoral Society Bulletin, UNDERWATER NATURALIST, which then is distrbuted to all A.L.S. members

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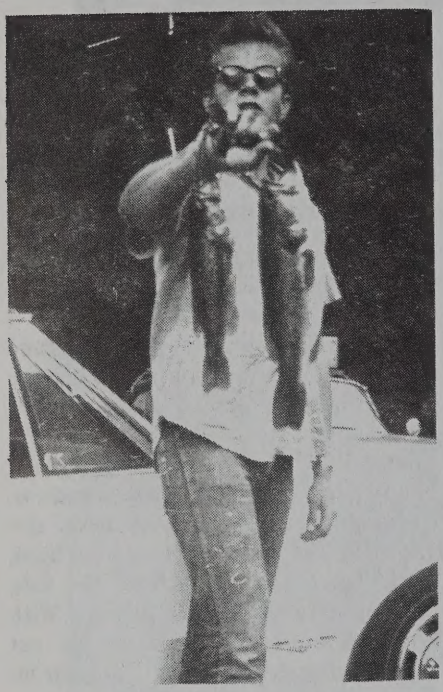
Freshwater Feature

NATURAL BAITS

By Don Vetter



THE PRIMARY consideration in fishing a natural bait should be a natural presentation. A bait suspended motionless beneath a float, or firmly anchored to the bottom with split shot cannot be considered (from the fish's point of view) very natural. A worm, drifting with the current of a stream, or a bait fish swimming freely through a pond is a common sight in nature, and even the wisest old trout or bass would have no cause for alarm.

From observing other anglers, I would be willing to bet that 90% of those who use bait do so with the float or shot approach. The fact that they do take some fish this way has wedded them to the method. I can't help but wonder how many really nice fish inspected and rejected the offerings of these fishermen; fish that might have wound up on a stringer, had they encountered an unencumbered bait.

Keeping your bait moving, rather than still - fishing it, offers an additional advantage. You are covering more water, and not in the position of waiting for the fish to come to you. In a river or stream, the current will carry your bait for you; in a lake or pond, you must provide the movement.

The two most widely used natural baits on the Island are the nightcrawler and the saltwater killie. For versatility and availability, I lean toward the killie. They appeal to all freshwater gamefish, and may be easily obtained - either from a south shore fishing station or by trapping your own in a tidal creek.

Neither of the aforementioned baits provide much weight for a long cast. Without adding a split shot (which is what I'm trying to wean away from), you're going to need fairly light tackle to achieve any distance.

For trout, panfish and small bass in unobstructed waters, I use a five foot ultra light spin rod and matching reel, filled with two pound test monofilament. This is a pleasant outfit to fish with, and will toss the lightest of baits a respectable distance. When going for larger bass and pickerel, or wherever the water contains stumps, snags, etc., I employ a medium light six and a half footer with a larger spinning reel and six pound test mono. Keeping the spool filled to capacity is important, as it will increase the length of your casts by cutting down friction. Eagle Claw or Mustad Beak type hooks in sizes 6 through 1/0 (depending on the size of the bait, and what you're going for), complete the outfit.

As I said at the outset, fishing in a stream or any moving water, is simply a matter of letting the bait roll naturally with the current. A pause in the line's movement may indicate either a snag, or a fish mouthing the bait. Be an optimist and assume the latter. A very strong current may necessitate the use of that split shot to keep the bait down. If you must resort to the shot, keep it light enough for the bait to roll freely along.

In the still waters of a lake or pond, the bait (even unweighted) must be kept moving lest it settle into the weeds of the bottom. Most of our ponds here on the Island have a clearly defined margin of sandy shallows where schools of minnows congregate. In the early morning, late afternoon, or on a cloudy day, gamefish often lie in wait for unwary baitfish, at those points where the shallows drop off into deeper water. A lip-hooked killie, retrieved slowly, with plenty of pauses, will often turn the trick here. Cast parallel to the shoreline at the edge of the deeper water, rather than straight out. A nightcrawler, hooked once through the collar, rather than threaded onto the hook, may also be fished in this manner.

When you get a strike, open the bail and give the fish a chance to engulf the bait. How long to wait before setting the hook is a moot point. A bass will usually glom it down straight away, while a pickerel may hold the bait sideways in his mouth a while before swallowing it. Trout often have the annoying habit of running a considerable distance with a bait without taking it deep enough to be hooked. On the other hand, if you let them run too long with a bait, you may find yourself stuck with small fish, deeply hooked; fish which you would wish to release unharmed. I generally compromise by counting to ten and then closing the bail and setting the hook. Let the line come taut before striking; never strike a slack line.

An interesting sidelight on the foregoing: If you miss the fish and your bait is still on the hook, you can often tell what you missed by examining the killie. Bass, having serrated bony ridges in their mouths, rather than true teeth, will merely 'scale' a bait. Parallel gashes on the sides would indicate a pickerel. Trout, with their hooked tongue teeth, can really mangle a bait; they often tear the belly right open.

If you put the rod down for a rest or a smoke, with the bait still in the water, leave the bail open - an old mossback may just happen by. Good luck and tight lines.

Pluggers Bemoan The Passing Of The Great Atom

By Al Reinfelder

VIRTUALLY SYNONYMOUS with the art of plugging along the Atlantic Coast, the great Atom 40, created by Mr. Bob Pond almost thirty years ago, is now dead. The grim reaper, in the guise of sales-facts-of-life, has laid low another in a long line of great lures.

Created from the wooden dowels and sheet metal scraps of the plant where Bob worked as an inspector after World War II, the lure was an immediate success on Cape Cod Canal. Plugging for stripers had just been introduced by anglers more familiar with the ways of northern pike and black bass. Savvy locals did things to the Pikie Minnow which made it crawl and gurgle its way across the fertile waters of the Army's great ditch. Several ambitious entrepreneurs, Pond included, moved to build bigger and better surface swimmers. During the early years of competition, the Atom won hands down. And its survival as a great lure to this date is a tribute, indeed, to its ultimate quality.

Now it is no more. Pond stopped production of the big swimmer last year, and does not plan to resume, ever.

News of the plug's death created panic in the hearts of all true pluggers. Even Montauk's Al Urban who, in the words of Frank Keating, could catch bass on bacon strips, was upset by the news that his favorite tool was no longer available. Within weeks all existing Atoms were stripped from the shelves of regular-type tackle shops along the coast.

I called the factory this spring to get the names of shops which might have a stock, but the Rhode Island tackle store which they named only had weighted 40's which were of no use to me at all. I finally located and bought three blue Atoms from Johnny Kronuch his last. (Thanks, Johnny!) And, of course, I do have a few left over from before. (Any readers who have extras should write this columnist at once.)

Why did this great lure die? It was a victim of modern times! Several years ago the good sized bass which made up the bulk of the fish which took this lure went into a temporary decline. At the same time spinning invaded the coast. The combination of these two factors caused a tremendous proliferation of small (1-2 ounce) plugs which still dominate the salt water market. Popper jerkers caught the abundant small fish, and have not changed their ways now that good sized bass are back with us. The Atom 40's three ounces plus did not readily lend itself to the now-ubiquitous spinning technique.

Why bemoan the loss? Won't other lures do the job as well? No! In the last four years my plugging for big striped bass has been confined almost exclusively to two lures: the Atom 40 and the Alou Super Bass Eel. At night, and under many daytime conditions, I prefer the eel. But, when daytime conditions are just right, I favor the plug because it brings the monsterous bass up to the surface where I can watch their swirls and boils and explosive hits. Other surface lures just don't do the job. (The also extinct Creek Chub Surfster is very good, but I only have one of these. It was given to me by Don Miller, who is far away now.)

One by one I am losing my Atoms. The first to go was my deadly piss-blue Atom which I had since Felix the Great gave it to me as a kid. This plug was originally p-amber, but as an ignorant youth, not aware of the supreme appeal of this light yellow color, I painted the plug blue. In 1970, when I learned of the deadliness of the light yellow, I scraped away some of the blue on this plug and was amazed to find the magic color. I continued scraping, until I got off all the paint but the blue head. This became known, perhaps unfortunately, as pissblue, and it caught a great number of big bass. One day while surfcasting from Cedar Tree Neck in Massachusetts, with no fish showing, I snapped the thing on, took a seven pound blue on the first cast and snapped the lure off on the second cast. (The surf was never kind to me.)

The second Atom I lost had a skin over it and a huge striper wrenched it from me just last week by tearing open my snap.

Two days after this event, I ran into a terrific blitz off Martha's Vineyard's Gay Head Cliffs. My first cast - with one of Johnny's blue Atoms - produced a medium sized bluefish. I was not too impressed until I looked down and saw twelve or more truely large bass swirling below my hooked fish. It was not clear whether they were trying to snatch the blue or rob him of his plug, but it certainly unnerved me. I dropped the blue as quickly as I could and tossed the plug back out to the big fish. One took it at once and ran toward shore for 50 feet before dropping it. But by this time hundreds of bass had rounded the point and were thrashing into schools of bait. For one hour I hammered fish from ten to 24 pounds on the blue Atom. Of course, the lure didn't seem to make any difference. But I soon found out how wrong I was. After my sixth or seventh bass, the middle treble broke off. Then the rear bucktail hook snagged on my trouser leg - with a striper on the front hook. I cut off the hook and threw the plug on the side, while replacing it with an amber Atom. No fish hit this plug at all. A skin plug was tried next, and although bass boiled at it, I had no takers. When I re-rigged the original plain blue Atom with a fresh middle treble hook, I took bass on the very next cast, and the next and the next.

What will happen, I wonder, when I am down to just one Atom?

SOME PLUGGING TIPS

By Vince Guaglianone

IN FISHING, there's nothing more exciting than to catch a big one on a plug in the true surf. That's how I feel about it. And if you have not had this experience yet, or not much of it though trying much: you may want to attend to the following basic tips and start preparing for the best season for plugging. We are starting to reach into autumn.

When plugging for big bass, forget the time-saving convenience of the snap. Tie on the line directly to the plug (at least by the clinch knot: there are even better knot-variations not mastered by me) for a stronger linkage than a snap.

Swimming plugs are more effective with big stripers than poppers. Big Atoms, Creek Chub Pikies, big darters (forget the technicality for now between 'swimmers' and 'darters'; they both run deep).

Poppers and other surface plugs are least effective at night. But in the cold autumn daylight, you sometimes spot big stripers feeding on the surface; and they sometimes will not take a swimming plug or even a jig then. Surface plugs: poppers, Spooks, and long pencil-types can be surprisingly effective then. Especially if those plugs are made out of WOOD. Including POPPERS (and therefore, made by your own hand - a most exquisite hobby - including to make swimmers). WOOD permits a more variegated and SLOW surface action than other materials that sink. Sometimes, even with a popper, a slow, 'slushy' action, hanging over the back of a swell, is what works. So slow and variegated, that only wood can do it. And I mean for lunker bass, while feeding (though indeed they may not attack the surface plug to eat it but, like blues most often, just to kill it).

It remains statistically true, however, that surface splashers and poppers and just-under-surface skimmers get the fewest big stripers.

Before choosing to plug for big bass, look at the water-condition. Usually, the clearer the water is, the better it is for plugs. By 'clear,' I mean in contrast to murky, or sandy. 'Milky' water, when it has that certain light to it, is also good for plugs if it's not weedy. Weedy water is out. Any weed on the gang-hooks of a plug inhibits the plug's action. Only once did I catch a striper on a plug after the Rebel picked up rock-weed (!). It was a schoolie. Hungry I guess.

Set the drag loose with a plug. You should be able to hand-pull the line easily. Then the drag is loose enough. But if your rod has a lot of flex, you can set a tighter drag.

When a bass hits a plug, so soon as it feels that strange substance, it tries to get rid of the plug. Ideally your fish should sock-and-then-run with the plug in one moment, almost as if you were fishing a live herring. This is the value of the drag set looser than with metal jigs or imitation eels. A loose drag also enables you to effect a more natural retrieving for a swimming plug. It enables the plug's action, and the rod-flex, to blend with water-pressure and current . . . If your lunker swallows the plug, a loose drag in those first moments diminishes the chances of snapped line from impact, or from a mistake out of your own excitement.

The slow retrieve is the best with swimmers and darters most of the time. Sometimes so slowly at night, that the swimmer gives a splash. Sometimes not that slow. (When you halt the retrieving, the swimming plug floats upwards to the surface.) You should try halting frequently. But never jerk the rod. The retrieve, though sporatic, should be smooth with a swimming plug . . . One cold autumn day, weakness (heh-heh!) caused a second rod to be spiked for a live eel (heh-heh!), while working up the beach a plug on another rod. (BAD! BAD!) Look: the spiked rod dipped! Leaving the plug out there, running back to the spiked rod: nothing. But while picking up the spiked rod with one hand, the other rod's Atom swimmer was floating on the surface of the clear-water swells. And then, a 32-pound bass swallowed the Atom though it wasn't being retrieved . . . Nice.

The halt, the smoothly sporatic and slow retrieve.

Especially in plugging it is important that the reel be in top condition. For any fishing, obviously the drag must not seize or even just alter in tension. But for plugging, the gears must be smooth for the sake of the controlled retrieve. No broken gear-teeth. Though the reel may still be functioning and 'strong enough,' the unnatural vibrations emitted from a reel's grinding gears can turn away the big fish that was about to seize the plug. The reel should be in such good condition that you feel in your hand that turns the reel handle, the plug's action: NOT the reel's gears. Again: this counts to effect a smooth, slow retrieve at night, and a retrieve with variations in speed and action initiated by you; NOT the jerks of a screwed-up reel.

The rod's importance rests on a dual need: to flex out a plug that is relatively light weight; and yet play in a big fish. Hence the best big plug/big

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SMOKING FISH & GAME

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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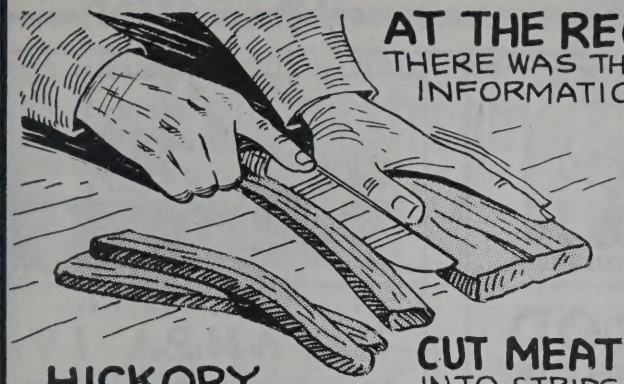

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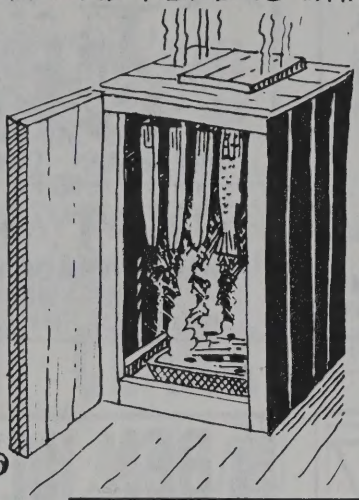

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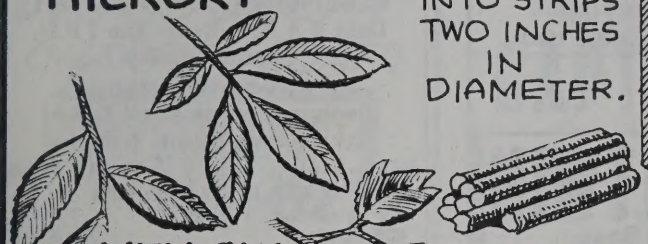

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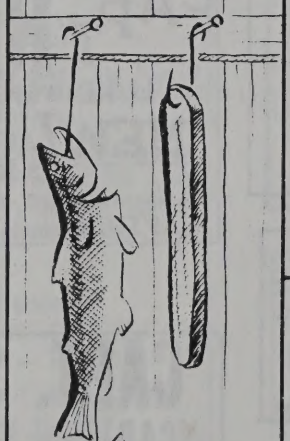

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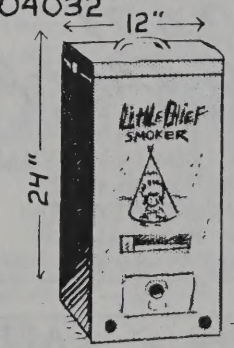

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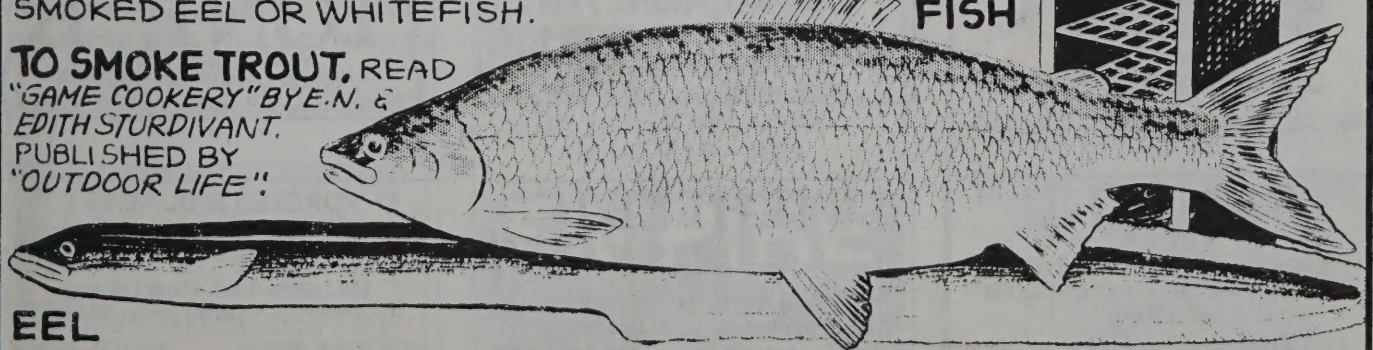

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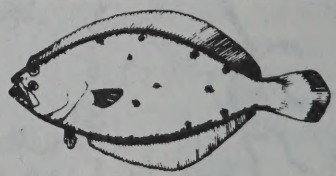
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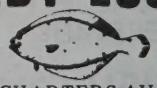
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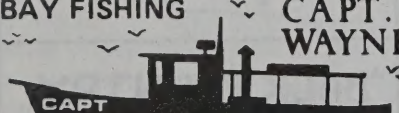

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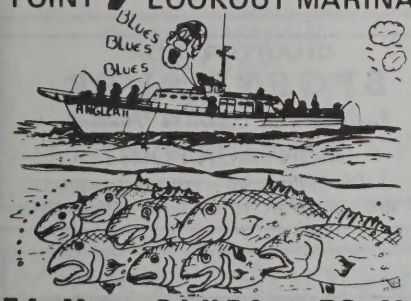

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Hudson River Report

by Pete Barrett

CLAVERACK

The Roeliff Jansen Kill was the center of trout and smallmouth action this past week says Everett Nack of Nack's Tackle Shop. Bob Kelly of Albany used small wobblers and ultra light spinning gear to fool 4 bass up to 4¼ lbs. fishing in a canoe under the Rt. 9G bridge. The Ro Jan also gave up some fine brown trout to Dan Wessil from New York City. Dan used the Mepps spinners and Abu Reflex to put two 16" fish in his creel. He released 4 others just slightly smaller. Claverack Creek browns are averaging 12 - 14" and Columbix Creek smallmouth about 2 lbs. Live shiners and spinners have been producing the fastest action for bass and small spinners and spoons for the trout.

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KINGSTON

Smallmouth fishing at the Esopus and Roundout Creek is excellent says Roy's Bait and Tackle with catches of over 3 lbs. being weighed in. Tony Oliveri of Rockland County took home the best bass this past week which tipped the scales at 3¾ lbs. Dawn and dusk are the best times with Rapalas live shiners and nightcrawlers.

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WAPPINGERS FALLS

The B & M Bait Shop reports good largemouth bass fishing at Wappingers Lake. Some of the anglers who scored last week are Tom Chase with a 2½ pounder, Sam Donahue of Peekskill with a 3 lb. 6 oz. bass, Al Miller who took a 3 pounder and Bob Siegel of Union City, New Jersey with the biggest bass of 4 lbs. 3 oz. Plastic worms, live shiners and nightcrawlers all work well with pluggers using poppers and surface disturbers at dusk under the edges of the shoreline trees.

On the Hudson, white perch and stripers delight beach fishermen. Worms are the bait and perch average a pound, stripers average 2-31 lbs. Across the River at Cornwall, a striper of 13 lbs. was reported Friday by Mark Fuller of Congers. The big fish fell for a sand worm on the outgoing tide. Tom Lake of New Windser only had two stripers, both under 5 lbs. which were tagged and re-

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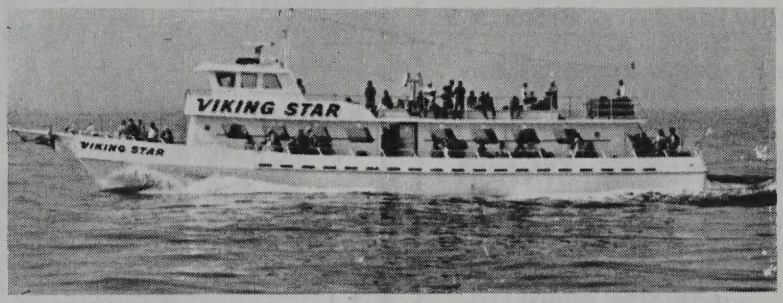

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VERPLANCK

Lake Meaugh largemouth fishing has slowed down but some are being weighed in at Ace and Charlie's Tackle Shop a shade over two pounds. Small stripers and white perch are available to shore fishermen from Oscawanna to the Bear Mountain Bridge. Popologen Creek is hot for stripers, bluegills and trout. Charlie is surprised at the lack of interest in sturgeon fishing. Their shop is equipped with bait, boat and motors for anyone who would like to try for these prehistoric fish.

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CROTON POINT

White perch and catfish are the main attraction in the Croton area reports the Croton Bait & Tackle Shop. One fisherman at Tellers Point put over 100 of these tasty panfish in the cooler over the weekend with most of the perch weighing about a pound. Croton Lake largemouth fishing has slowed down with the summer's heat and most catches now are taken on rubber worms fished way down deep. The Mepps spinners also take some bass as do live shiners.

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OSSINING

The Kensico Reservoir largemouth are being caught on blue and purple rubber worms with fish running about 2 lbs. Tony's Bait and Tackle suggests the East shore of the Hudson under the Tappan Zee Bridge as the hot spot for white perch. All along the beach from Tarryton to Ossining catfish and white perch are abundant. Baits are nightcrawlers and sandworms.

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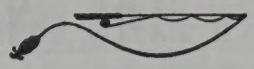

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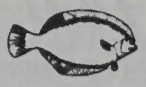
BAIT  BOATS

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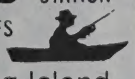

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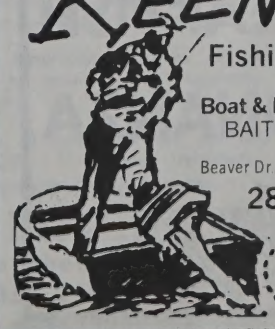

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Snapper blues appeared at the Spuyten Duyvil on Thursday morning and it won't be long before they move up river. Small Rebels and Pt. Jude poppers took some snappers for a local named Louie but another fisherman did better with sandworms. At the Palisades Interstate Park perch and catfish fill the fish boxes for beach fishermen. No stripers were reported to Al & Jerry's Tackle Box but blue crabs are being taken in bigger quantities as the summer progresses. At the Tallman marsh small stripers to 3 lbs. will give fast sport to cartopper fishermen on ultra light spinning or fly rod gear.

Connecticut Scene

by DICK ALLEY

WESTCHESTER

The report from Mamaroneck Fishing Station, shows weakfish to hold top spot in this fishing area. Bagley Shrimps are selling like worms on opening day of trout season. Small bass are hitting well, and Bud Wright entered a 30 pounder in the bass pool here. First blues are just beginning to show here, and the snappers are really thick.

At Milton Pt. B & T in Rye, Charlie Ferris reports that at buoy 42 there is a jigging hotspot for bluefish. Danny Catalano has been hitting bass from 10 to 28 lbs. on swimming plugs like the Goo-Goo Eyes, and the No Alibi's. Ricky Ferris and Bobby Roges jigged up a passel of six and seven pound choppers on Scotty Rigs and Diamond Jigs. Richard Conway was the first angler to hit the choppers last Sunday morning. Weaks are still available.

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STAMFORD

Pat Chirillo tells of porgies like he's never seen in his life. They're big, and though not as active as the smaller ones, make for a great days fishing. Buoy 32 off Stamford is the hotspot. Blues and bass both in the Stamford Cows. Some fishermen trolled a hundred yards of wire off Smithtown for some ten pound-plus blues at midweek.

At Jack's B & T, bass action made headlines, and the cows off Stamford Harbor. Freddie Vogler brought in a 32 pound fish and a 39½ pound fish, but was beat by brother Ron, who weighed in a 40 lb. 15 oz. fish, taken at Smiths Ledge. Rick Ritazzo took a 20 lb. 4 oz. bass off Collanders, fishing bunker chunks. Snapper blues are thick, and for the first time in many years blue-shelled crabs have showed up in Holly Pond.

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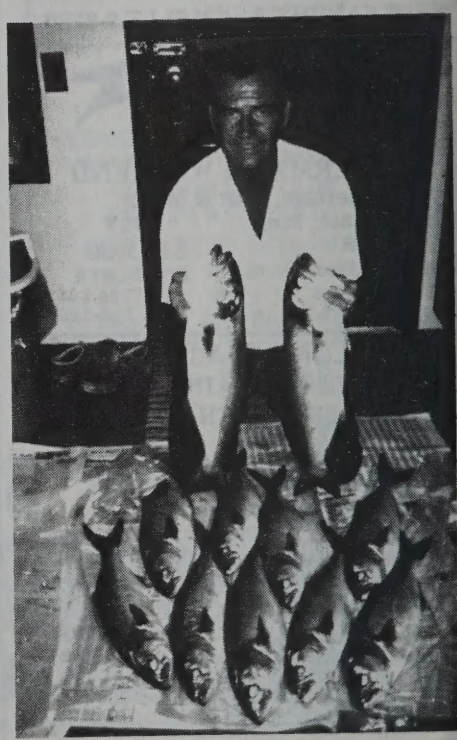

Tom Steil with some blues caught on Rebels and poppers. Photo courtesy of the Westport Tackle Shop.

ROWAYTON

Al Schwab was manning the phone at The Bait Shop, and had just finished weighing in a 33¼ lb. striper for Stamford Striped Bass Club President, Joe Vidola. The fish was caught on bait. Dick Shaw and Joe McAulliffe tallied twenty choppers, ranging from 6 to 9 lbs. off the Hospital on the Long Island shore during the week. Weaks are still hitting well around Tavern Island, on both worms and the Bagley Salty Dog.

At Hickory Bluff, Bill Valentine tells of little of everything but nothing

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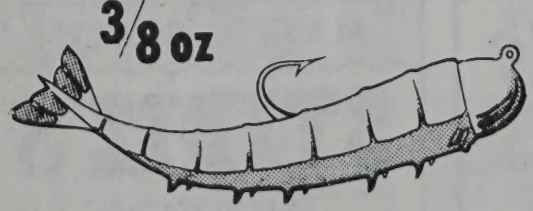
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Charles Bigelow of Norwalk with a 50 lb. bass. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Bait & Tackle.

NORWALK

Customers at Mola Bros. B & T, are making daily runs across to 11b off Eatons, and also finding action at Buoy 24C. Vinny picked up close to sixty fish in a couple of days of fishing. Triple skirt rigs are the hottest at 11B, while tube rigs are better at 24C. Angelo Rubino took 17 weaks in an afternoon off Round Beach, almost a daily occurrence for him. Bass action is still limited to schoolies.

At the Tackle Box in Norwalk, an anglerette came up with the honors. Gene Wilson was fishing worms off Goose Island, when she tied into a 40 lb. 4 oz. striper, which she proceeded to land successfully. John Tingets, a Norwalk Policeman, brought in a 3 lb. 11 oz. weakfish, also taken on worms.

Bob Utz at Four Winds testified as to the availability of the weaks. He and Rita took 11 off Calf Pasture after closing the store the night before. Rita even mixed in kingfish, flounder and a harbor blue. Bass were plentiful, but not big enough for the scale according to customers at Four Winds.

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BRIDGEPORT

Bob Zam Pidri reported on his shark fishing trip out of Montauk. Three blues and a dusky accounted for a great weekend. A bonus shot at blues, brought 40 choppers in an hour of fishing.

Locally, Bob's Bait is receiving some good reports at St. Mary's By The Sea, with choppers to three pounds mixing in with snappers for some excellent fishing. The dumping grounds and Middleground are producing very well, with Middleground offering fish at almost every hour of the day. Bob Costu spotted big bass at Penfield and at Sunken Island.

At the Sportsman's Den, Steve had a 12 pound bass weighed in. Dick Casper fished worms at short beach, and reported several smaller fish. Snappers are thick, and a few blues are hitting at Seaside Park.

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NEW HAVEN

Frank Rea was talking all snappers and Harbor blues with weakfish thrown in. Here again, bass are plentiful but small. The West Haven jetty is the spot, producing individual catches as high as thirty per man, with an occasional weakfish coming in as a bonus. The West Haven fishing pier is the hotspot for snappers, so Frank tells us, and he'd

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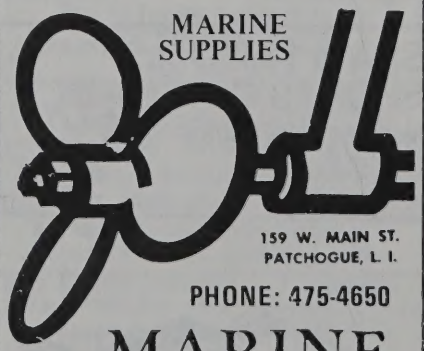

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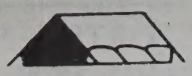

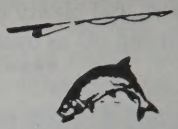

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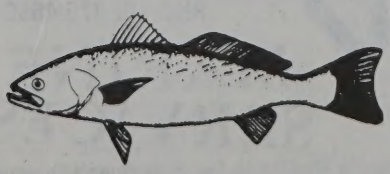

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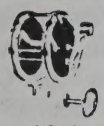

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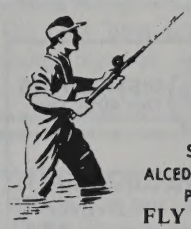

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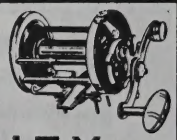

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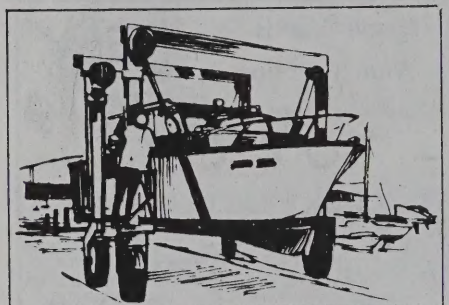

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WESTPORT

Ed Boland at the Westport Tackle Shop, had a couple of good spinning reports. Westporter Tom Steils, stopped at Cockenoe Island to make a few casts the other evening. No fish were showing, but first cast, a five pound chopper slammed his popper. He proceeded to tally 14 blues, all in that weight class. John Posh traveled to Middleground, and was casting Smilin' Bill bucktails, right next to the lighthouse. He collected 60 big choppers before he quit for the night.

The dumping grounds off Southport have been paying off for the trollers, and Rudy Bellarsky has been hitting fish consistently off of Cranes Neck. School bass have been consistent too off Walker's Point, with Copp McNulty fly-rodding 11 fish before going to work in the morning.

Snapper fishing is insane, with all the usual spots, including the Post Rd. Bridge, as fabulous as anyone can recall.

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GREENWICH

Weakfish have slowed a bit in Greenwich Cove, but they're spread out. Mike The Tailor, and Bob Fujitani came in with the first good bluefish catch, taken off Cable & Anchor. The white Goo-Goo Eyes Troll King was the lure, and the catch was 24 nice choppers.

Tom Carlson brought in a 21 lb. fish. Bunker was the bait, and line test was 10 lb. Blacks and porgies are best news for the bottom fishermen.

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It seems we finally have the long awaited bluefish, and adding these to the school bass, weaks, and unbelievable run of snappers now available, this season has plenty to offer.

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OFFSHORE REPORT

School tuna up to 70 lbs. have now moved into the H.A. Buoy area and towards Monster's Ledge in the Mud Hole. Trollers are doing best with black and white feathers and cedar plugs. Along with the tuna, small bonito and albacore are mixed in. Boats chumming these areas are having their problems in catching tuna as the shark population is quite explosive. At times it is impossible to raise tuna. The shark fishing is excellent. Makos, duskies and hammerheads up to and over 150 lbs. are being caught.

At the Hudson Canyon, tile fishing hasn't let up and is still excellent. Sport fishermen interested in white marlin, swordfish, tuna and sharks were kept in close to shore last week due to high southwesterly winds. If sea conditions improve and the winds drop off, fishing the Canyon should be tops. Tuna from 25 to 500 lbs. are now in at the Mud Hole.

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reported that fluke fishing for the Atlantic Beach area has really picked up. The action last week was real good and the best part of it was that larger fluke have now moved in. Boats fishing along bay areas can expect good action with fluke up to 7 lbs. Along the Rockaways and towards the Tin Cans, there is some bass activity. School sized bass are being caught by clam chummers and trollers. Off the beach, by the nets where bunker are caught, weakfish, small bonito and bass are mixed. Along Woodmere Channel, small snapper blues and tinker mackerel have moved in. The same applies to the blue claw crabs.

Boats interested in bluefishing have to move around a bit. Last week, blues were caught in good numbe along the Playland, however, they have moved out. Only a few fish are being trolled from time to time from the inlet and towards the Playland. The only other action last weekend was at the Acid Waters.

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The dates are set for the 13th Invitational Tuna Tournament, sponsored by the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club. Sid Karlin, tournament chariman, announced that September 23rd and 24th are the dates for the largest and best tuna tournament New York has to offer. This year the tournament has expanded its prize list and is now worth $3000.00 in prizes, plus trophies. The angler who wins first place will receive a trophy and a 12/0 Fin-Nor reel or $500.00. Second place will win a trophy and the new 130 Penn International reel. Third place winner will receive a 12/0 Everol big game reel. The list goes on and on. Entries are available at your local tackle dealer, or write to the Sheepshead Bay Tuna Club, 616 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217. The entry fee this year is $10.00. Contestant patch and rules and regulations will be mailed to the applicant upon

receipt of entry fee. This year's tourney should produce the best tuna catches ever now that our area has an abundance of baitfish to offer the tuna that visit the Mud Hole.

For the fourth straight week, party boats from Sheepshead Bay continue to produce good bluefish catches during both day and night trips. They have been fishing different areas each day, but when located, blues from 3 to 10 lbs. and larger are providing excellent action for anglers. For the last few days the fleet fished by the Verrazano Bridge for action. They then fished the Sea Bright area, the Farms, the Acid Waters and then off the Play - land. No matter what area they concentrated on, most boats scored on blues.

Locally, at the Tin Cans, anglers have their choice of fish to catch. Trollers are catching their share of bass and blues. Action along this area is extending to and across Ambrose Channel. Fluke fishing locally remains good. Manhattan Beach, Coney Island Channel and the Rockaways are producing action. Boats that cross the Norton's Pt. area and the Verrazano Bridge are hitting blues. The best action comes during the change of tides. At the Tin Cans last week, some anglers got a chance to take humpback porgies. Fishing for the silver backs was different for some reason or another. Anglers chumming with clam bellies intended for bass caught the large porgies. They ranged from 1 to 3 lbs. When the anglers tried skimmer baits, the fish didn't hit. As soon as they switched back to clam belly baits, the action continued.

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STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reported that bluefishing was excellent last week along both sides of the Verrazano Bridge. Blues from 2 to 9 lbs. were caught by chumming, trolling and jigging. Action was spread from the bridge towards Norton's Pt. Locally, from Great Kills to Annadale, smaller blues, up to 4 lbs., were caught on trolled spoons and surgical tubes or by drifting cut baits. At Midland Beach, by the storm sewer, anglers hit blues on cut mackerel strips. Bass fishing throughout the Staten Island area is still strong. The bass are still small, however, and only a few keepers are being caught. Small snapper blues are in most everywhere. They are accompanied by tinker mackerel. At New Dorp Beach and Annadale, anglers are catching plenty of sand porgies and kingfish. Blue claw crabbing remains good most everywhere; just pick your favorite spot.

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SANDY HOOK

Capt. Bunt of the "Sea Horse" reported that bluefishing at the Hook, bay areas, Flynn's Knoll and Ambrose Channel was very good for trollers and jiggers last week. Schools of blues were located along these areas while they were feeding on tinker mackerel. Party boats are also hitting blues at the Acid Waters and Sea Bright. For the third week straight, bluefishing has been excellent for the area. Locally, fluke fishing has been poor for the last week. Weakfishing is now starting along bay areas. Snapper blues and tinker mackerel are in solid along beach and bay areas.

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SHARK RIVER

Bobby Shinn of the "Miss Belmar" reported that party boats from the Shark River Inlet are really doing a job on blues during both day and night bluefishing trips. At the present time, bluefish are being located along the beach anywhere from Manasquan Ridge and towards the Golf Ball of the Highlands. This fishing has been excellent and the blues average up to 9 lbs. Blues up to 16 and 18 lbs. have been caught. Tuna are now in the Mud Hole and they are starting to bite. So far the early action has been between the Farms and the Klondike. Locally, fluke fishing along beach areas has been very good. Most of the fluke average from 2 to 3 lbs. Striped bass fishing has been poor.

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MANASQUAN

Manasquan anglers are getting a taste of tuna along with excellent bluefishing. Party boats are now hooking a couple of tuna during each bluefish trip. For the fifth straight week, party boats from this port have been connecting for good bluefishing during both day and night trips. Private and charter boats from the port are starting to catch some tuna up to 50 lbs. while chumming and trolling at Manasquan Ridge and the Mud Hole. Locally, fluke fishing for the area is fair. Bass fishing along beach areas has been poor. The only bass action around has been taking place at the canal. Weakfishing is still slow for the area.

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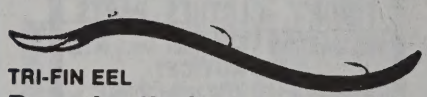

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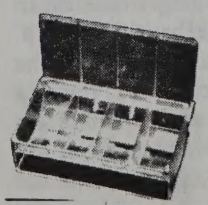

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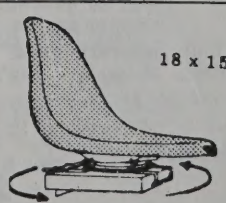

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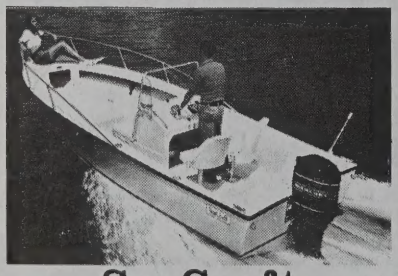

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Vets Fishing Station reported that blue, bass and weakfishing was very good over the weekend. Blues from 5 to 15 lbs. are being taken on tubes, spoons and pork rind at Bayville Beach and Cold Spring Harbor. Striped bass up to 8 lbs. are on the west side of the harbor. Sandworms are best in the bait department. Weakfish are in at Oyster Bay Inlet. Fish up to 9½ lbs. were weighed in over the weekend. Salty Dog lures and worms are working for the weakfishermen. Blackfishing is still good and some porgy action is available. Snappers are in the harbor. Pete Emnokiwski, of Kings Park, and Ken Rowman, of Queens, had 64 blues from 5 to 12 lbs. off of the point of Centre Island. They were using tubes with a 1 oz. drail.

BAYVILLE

Mike Pump of Pump's Fishing Station reported that the bluefishing is good. Fish from 4 to 10 lbs. were being taken at Centre Island Reef and Oak Neck Beach. They were trolled with tubes or umbrella rigs. These fish are very deep. Small porgies, taken mostly on worms, can be located at the same places. Some stripers have been taken by trolling bucktails, also at the same places.

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SMITHTOWN

Mickey Chiarenza reported that bluefish are being trolled 1 to 3 miles north out of Kings Park. The blues are deep and under a school of bunker. Mickey, fishing aboard his boat "Tri Fin," got himself nine blues weighing 6 to 7 lbs. each on a 5 oz. black Tri Fin eel. Blues up to 10 lbs. are being taken at Crane's Neck Point by trolling deep. Some bass action on worms and lures can be had at Stony Brook and the Nissequogue River.

The Beacon On The Sound Fishing Station reported that larger bluefish in the 5 to 10 lb. range have moved in. A few porgies are being caught in the deeper water. Blackfishing remains good at most rocky areas. There are some small stripers being caught at the mouth of the river. Snappers are in the river.

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PORT JEFFERSON

Charlie of the Caraftis Fishing Station reported good porgy fishing at Old Field Point and Crane's Neck using squid, worms or skimmers. The porgies go from a ½ to 1½ lbs. There are plenty of weakfish in the harbor on the right side and by the power house. They can also be taken on an outgoing tide in the Narrows. Few bass are being taken. One bass of 9 lbs. was weighed in. It was caught by an angler weakfishing on the right side of the harbor. Blues are being taken on cut bait at Old Field Point. They average out at About 5 lbs. Drifting west of Old Field Point is producing fluke up to 3½ lbs. Blues running from 6 to 9 lbs. are now in heavy at Buoy 11 and Crane's Neck.

Capt. Bill Littlefield, skipper of the "Jib III," reported that bottom fishing on porgies is very good. The blues have moved in at the Buoy 11 area. The Mathias Carr Co. chartered the Jib III for eight Japanese representatives of the Fuji Film Co. They had an excellent day catching porgies just east of Northport. The night crew of Pathmark supermarket enjoyed their fishing trip on Saturday. They caught porgies and blackfish.

Capt. John Fischer, skipper of the "Betty W," reported good fishing throughout the Sound. "On Saturday, we bottom fished for porgies and blackfish. Some bluefish were also taken. The largest fish caught was a 5½ lb. blackfish. On Sunday, Anglers Anonymous, of the Bronx, had an excellent day with the bluefish off of Kings Park. The largest blue caught tipped the scales at 9 lbs."

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MILLER PLACE

Dick of Dick's Bait & Tackle called to report bluefish action at Middle Ground. Anglers are taking the blues by trolling deep with wire line and tubes or umbrella rigs. Six to eight fish per boat is the average and the fish weigh in up to 5½ lbs. There is some bass action with small fish up to 6 lbs. on spinner-worm combos at night very close to the Miller Place beaches. Kingfish from 1 to 1½ lbs. and weakfish averaging about 2 lbs. and going as high as 5 lbs. are in the harbor. Squid, worms and Salty Dog lures are good but the best bait so far is Jig-A-Do Worms. Sand porgies up to 1 lb. are all along the beach and snappers are in the harbor.

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PECONICS

Peter Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported that weakfishing at the Brick Yard was very good over the weekend. Good weakfishing was also had at Buoys 10 and 16. The weaks average 2½ lbs. and the largest one weighed in was 6 lbs. 14 ozs. It was caught by Richard Viola of Farmingdale who was using squid for bait. The Brick Yard is producing the larger fish. Porgies are at South Ferry and Buoy 18. These fish average 1 to 1½ lbs. and they are taking clams and worms. Bluefish are at Pigeon Rip, north of Plum Island and also the Race. These fish go 8 to 15 lbs. and are being taken on diamond jigs or rigged bait. At Orient Point, there are porgies up to 2 lbs. and blackfish from 2 to 3 lbs. Paul Gerhold of New Suffolk took two bass of 20 and 25 lbs. from the surf on sandworms. He fished at ngith behind the golf course at Greenport on an outgoing tide.

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GREENPORT

Art White of White Tackle Shop reported bluefish in the Race and offshore at Green Hill. These blues range in weight to 12 and 18 lbs. and 50 to 75 fish per boat was the average. Anglers were using 8 oz. diamond jigs. There are some bass in the Gut. Fish up to 32 lbs. were takne. Anglers were deep trolling with wire line to make their catches. Weakfishing is still good at Nassau Pt., Greenport Jetty and Fanny's Point. Squid and sandworms turn the trick. Blackfishing is holding well in the Sound and a few bass can be found at the Sound beaches. Plugging the surf and also drifting sandworms will do here.

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BLUEFISH CONTEST

Mrs. Judy Levine, of Smithtown, is leading all other contestants in the Smithtown Marina's Bluefish Contest. Mrs. Levine caught an 8 lb. 11 oz. blue off Kings Park on an umbrella rig.

To enter the contest, the applicant must be a Smithtown resident, fish inthe Sound between the hours of 8 A.M. and 7 P.M., and all fish must be weighed in at the Smithtown Marina.

First prize is $119.00. MOby Dink second prize is a Tri Fin lure.

South Shore Reports

MONTAUK

Capt. Paul Forsberg, skipper of the "Viking Star," reported that codfishing was very good over the weekend. On both days the pool winning cod were in the 50 lb. plus class. The size of the cod taken ranged anywhere from 10 to 50 lbs., and anglers caught anywhere from 5 to 40 fish per man. Charter boats are doing an excellent job on blues and bass off the Point.

Capt. Richie Rade, skipper of the "Marlin III," reported that the Coxes Ledge codfishing remains excellent. The cod run from 10 to 50 lbs. Boats trolling off the Point are doing well on bass and blues.

Carl Darenberg, Jr. of the Montauk Marine Basin reported giant tuna are offshore around the draggers. A 660 lb. tuna was caught on Saturday. School tuna fishing is excellent around Block Island in 20 to 25 fathoms of water. The bluefishing is red hot off Block Island also. White marlin fishing has slowed down. The bluefishing is getting better off the Point.

Capt. George Glas, skipper of the "Hel-Cat," reported, "the bluefishing at the Race is wild, absolutely wild." Louis (Trinie) Bicocchi, of Flushing, got a 23 lb. bluefish recently. The running time to the Race is less than an hour aboard the Hel-Cat.

Capt. Ed Hegner, skipper of the "Capt. Spider," reported very good fishing for fluke. "A doormat sized fluke is taking the pool daily." Mike Ferrone, of Staten Island, took the pool on 8/9/72 with a 13 lb. 4 oz. fish. Mike had a dozen fluke in addition to the doormat, and all were over 2½ lbs. "We are fishing the Midway Rips, east of the Montauk Point lighthouse. Best baits are squid with a squid head."

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, skipper of the "Capt. Calrk II," reported that the weakfishing is holding up very well. The fishing is best west of Robins Island. The weaks average about 1½ to 2 lbs. Some of the anglers are catching over 30 fish apiece. There is good porgy fishing in the afternoon. These fish average ¾'s to 1 lb.

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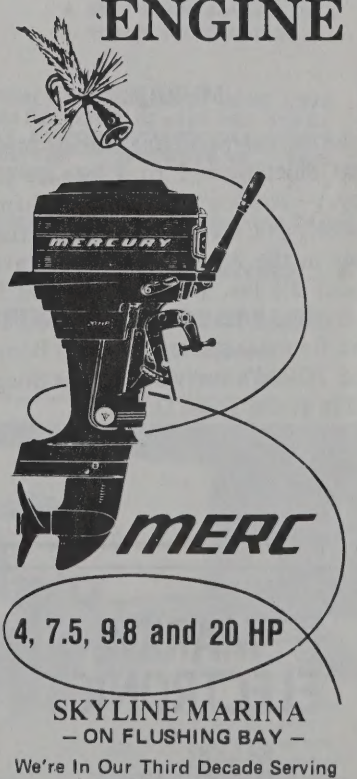

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Ernie Berhle of Bradley's Fishing Station reported that Peconic Bay offers weakfish, porgies and fluke. The weaks go up to 4 lbs. The porgies are small but there are enough of them to keep the fishermen happy. They run from a ½ to ¾'s of a pound. The fluke average about 2½ lbs. Squid and worms are best in the bait department. There were reports of blues being trolled outside.

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SAG HARBOR

Barbara Smith of the Noyac Marina reported that fishing has been excellent. On Friday, Joe Samtomauro and Bob Miller, of Brooklyn, had a mixed bag of porgies, kingfish and blowfish. These anglers fished Jessups Neck and the Monestary. On Saturday, N. Fowler, and Bill Bronsen, of the Bronx, caught 60 good sized porgies at the ferry slip. On Sunday, John Melcoch and Jack Maier, of New Jersey, caught 59 weaks to 3 lbs. at the Monestary on squid baits.

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MORICHES

John of the Shoreline Marina reported that blues from 1 to 4 lbs. are in the bay. Anglers are taking them on spoons and the Hopkins. Weakfish are also in the bay. These weaks average about 2½ lbs. and go as high as 5 lbs. Salty Dog lures are working well. Fluke and flounder fishing is fair at Buoys 29 and 30. Worms work best. Snappers are in at the Town Dock.

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SAYVILLE

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station reported that fishing was good over the weekend, with Saturday being an outstanding day. The kingfish are in as strong as the weakfish. Porgies, small blues and some blowfish make for a mixed bag. The hot spot is off the Brown's Creek Jetty at about mid-bay. Some blowfish were taken 400 yards off the Blue Point Clam Co. On Sunday, Tony Naisono of Ronkonkoma had a mixed bag of weaks, fluke, blowfish and kingfish. On Saturday, Ed Mussler of Sayville caught 35 weaks and 1 fluke off the Brown's Creek Jetty. Joe Diaz of Bay Shore filled a stringer with weaks at the Brown's Creek Jetty also. John Bucolo of Sayville used Salty Dog lures to take 20 weaks up to 3½ lbs. Snappers are all over the place and they are a nice size too, said Dennis.

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CAPTREE

Capt. Ben Litwin, skipper of the "Capt. Litwin," reported that Henry Herzog of Bellmore won the Captree dock pool on Sunday with an 8½ lb. fluke caught from the Capt. Litwin. The average catch on Sunday was about 6 to 7 fish per man. On Saturday, the fishing was poor.

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BABYLON

Augie Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle reported that tuna were chummed at the Mud Hole on Sunday. The fish weighed in at 45 and 23 lbs. and they were caught aboard the "Dock I" by John Hall. John Gianserrara, aboard his boat "Cutlass," trolled bucktails with pork rind southwest of the inlet in 80 ft. of water. He scored with a tuna in the 25 lb. class and bluefish which ranged from 10 to 12 lbs. There are blues in the bay but there is also a lot of grass. You must float your bait while chumming in order to connect. Weakfish can be found around Sayville and the East West Channel. Fluke up to 3 lbs. can be located by the Coast Guard Station. They hit shiners and squid. Crabbing is very good at the docks in the morning and evening.

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LINDENHURST

John Schaefer of Charlie's Bait & Tackle reported that bluefish can be located outside the inlet from the head buoy to the Whistle Buoy. The blues are big, weighing 14 and 15 lbs. and they are being trolled deep with wire line or mono with a 4 oz. drail. Crabbing is very good in the bay and so is the snapper fishing. Jimmy Schaeffer, 6 years of age, fishing on the charter boat "My Dad," landed a 5 lb. fluke opposite the Coast Guard Station last Wednesday.

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SEAFORD

Carmine of Dell's Fishing Station reported there are plenty of weakfish at the 2nd bridge. Carmine and son Frank used 6 dozen bloodworms in the area on Saturday night to land 14 weaks and 1 striper to 3½ lbs. The Dell's fished the east side of the bridge. John De Amato and son caught 18 flounders and 3 eels at the east side of the 3rd bridge. Jack McKerman and son John, of Levittown, fished between the drawbridge and small bridge and caught 8 fluke to 2½ lbs. and 4 kingfish in the 1 lb. range.

Lon Wanser of Wanser's Bait & Tackle reported that bluefishing offshore is good. Some blues have moved into the

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surf from the west end all the way to Cedar Beach. The weakfishing and kingfishing is good in the State Channel and Zach's Bay. Crabbing is very good all over the bay. Snappers have just started. Fluking is slow.

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FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger, skipper of Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," reported that bluefishing is very good and that most of the fish are big. The bigger fish are concentrated at the Acid Waters and the Angler Banks. Smaller blues are about 15 minutes from the inlet at the Whistle Buoy. John O'Hagan of Oceanside took first prize on Saturday with a 16 lb. blue. Ken Youngson of Uniondale took second prize with a 15½ lb. blue. Chumming or jigging are both working on these fish.

Capt. Paul Schmidt, skipper of the "Aloma II," reported the weekend fluke and flounder fishing was very good. "We anchored in Swift's Creek and caught fluke up to 2 lbs. and flounders to 2¼ lbs. Anglers caught 5 to 10 flounders per man, all on skimmer baits. Blowfish and kingfish have started to show."

Capt. Sy Karlin, skipper of the "Blue Fin," reported that a large school of 4 to 8 lb. bluefish moved into the waters off Jones Inlet just before the Whistle Buoy. The Woodcleft Charter boats loaded up on these fish over the weekend. Fluke fishing is very good at Buoy 6 near the east bar of Jones Inlet. The flounder fishing remains good in Swift Creek.

Jack Darragh of the Mister Marine Tackle Center called to tell us of the Hudson Point Fishing Club's annual fishing contest. A complete 9/0 outfit will be awarded to the member who catches the largest tuna. For the largest fluke, a custom rod and matching reel will be awarded. A 712 Penn Spinfisher reel will be the prize for the largest weakfish caught. All rods are being donated by Jack Evans. The reels are compliments of Mr. Marine Inc. Authorized weigh-in stations are: Charvin Fishing Station and the Hudson Point Fishing Station.

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POINT LOOKOUT

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reported that the fluke fishing remains good in Reynolds Channel and Jones Inlet near Buoys 4, 5 and 6. There is good fluking at the Middle Bay Flats also. There is excellent bluefishing just outside the inlet near the Bell Buoy. These fish are a good size, running up to 12 lbs. Some school sized bass and weaks can be caught near the Meadowbrook Bridge. There are still plenty of flounders at the Coast Guard Station and in Swift Creek.

Capt. Art White, skipper of the "Angler II," reported excellent bluefishing at the Middle Grounds, Angler Banks and Acid Waters. The blues average about 10 lbs. with some going to 16 and 17 lbs. Top weight is 20 lbs. Night fishing is good also. A few tuna have been hooked but none were landed.

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BABYLON TUNA CLUB CONTESTS

The winners of the Fluke Contest held on August 6th are:

1. Denise Bruckner, 4 lbs. 2 ozs.
2. Arthur Wagenmann, 3 lbs. 15 ozs.
3. Betty Hall, 3 lbs. 12½ ozs.

The winners of the Weakfish Contest held on August 13th are:

1. Ed Rabowski, 3 lbs. 3½ ozs. 2. Art Arlandi, 2 lbs. 4 ozs. 3. Joan Wattmann and Vincent DeMartino, 2 lbs. even.

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SOME PLUGGING TIPS
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fish rods have flex only in their topmost 20%. The rest of the rod down into your hands is all backbone. Unless your specific enjoyment is to count how many big bass you can find, hook, and lose.

When big bass are feeding actively and you see them in the moonlight, any swimming plug is prone to be taken at such a time. But if at such an active feeding time the biggies that you can see do not, for some reason, take what you hastily offered: then try to see (or know beforehand) what they are feeding on. Things like spearing or sandeels: use the Rebel-types. Things like herring or big mackerel: use the bigger swimmers.

If you have matched the plug to the real bait-victims, and still the bass do not take it: this may be due to your retrieve; or else to color. This means it's a fussy time. Then notice the lighting condition: a bright night, a brighter plug; and vice-versa . . . This last factor is especially important when you do not see the fish, but you suspect they are present.

If schoolies start hitting, change to a bigger plug; or go from the small Rebels at least to the small Atoms.

Another reason why it's good to know what the bass are feeding on and match the plug to it, is so they swallow the plug. Instead of smacking it or slapping at it.

The reason why it's better if the bass swallows the plug, is because the strongest treble hooks can be twisted and broken by a big bass in a situation where the current is strong and the plug is hung on the outside of the lunker's face . . . And it sometimes happens that in calm shallow water, a big bass will not run, after smacking a plug: but will rise out of the water; smash down, rise; twist and lash; and then goodbye; even if the line is unbroken. The plug and/or its hooks will be destroyed.

The swallowed plug means less tension on the plug-structure itself, no matter what the fish does.

Sometimes you may be working a piece of water where there is not a school of feeding big bass. But at least one huskie is there, and she might go for your plug without wanting to swallow it. She might slap it. If underwater, you will not hear the slap of the tail, but you will feel this very distinctive event. Stop retrieving, and twitch the rod finely. This often instigates a solid strike.

Did you ever get just nudged? Most of the time these are schoolies and it feels that they are, with closed mouths, ramming into a plug that they do not want to strike. A change of plugs to a smaller size will usually prove at such times that these are but schoolies, again.

There is a lot to working plugs. As I said before, some surfcasters become so absorbed with this art alone, that they will cast nothing else.

"If I cannot raise 'em to my plugs, I don't want 'em," is a motto I've heard frequently.

But not on Long Island's south shore. Though some of the best surfcasters of anywhere are here, they seem to prefer catching bluefish on metal in the summer and even the fall. Yet when blues are in the surf, like at Fire Island's front, you can have the best sport with those wooden surface plugs. One time, a whole line-up was waiting, with Hopkinses dangling, for the blues to come in. As my "bottle-plug" discovered (hand-made out of wood) the blues were already in, though not evident till the ballerina-action of this plug raised 'em. Right out of the swells. Smasho-splasho! The best way.

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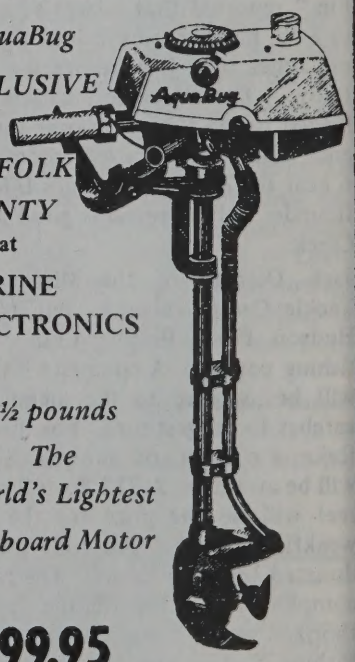

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RHODE ISLAND FISHING REPORT

Salt water fishing during the past week and over the weekend has been good. Newport and environs had "acres and acres" of tinker mackerel. On Saturday they were along the entire east shore of Conanicut (Jamestown) Island and on Sunday they had come over to the Newport and Aquidneck Island shores. Of course, such an abundance of tinker mackerel or other very small fish presage the arrival of the big and good game fish like blues and striped bass.

Newport also had plenty of blackfish (tautog) in the five, six and eight pound range.

Narragansett reports good bluefishing along the rocks from Tuckers Dock to Point Judith Lighthouse. Along those same rocks and the mouth of Narrow River, the tautog are striking. There are plenty of flounder at the Point Judith breakwaters.

The south shore has "all kinds" of fish in good quantities - particularly blues, bass and swordfish. In fact, this seems to be the year for rod and reel caught giant swordfish. During the week the captain and mate of Paul Leviton's "Little Pete" boated a 376 pound swordfish after having brought it to gaff by rod and reel, and on Thursday a party fishing on Capt. Bob Main's "Segno" did the same with a 390 pounder.

The blues on the south shore, boat and shore caught, and in Block Island and Rhode Island Sounds, are excellenat as can be judged by Hunky Clarke fishing aboard his "Shark" out of Snug Harbor, bringing in 51 blues for an afternoon catch last week.

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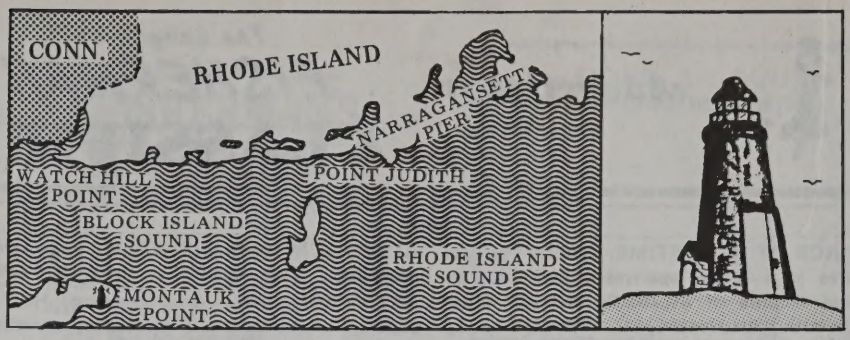

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1972 RHODE ISLAND FISHING TOURNAMENTS

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August 12-14: Roger Williams Swordfish & Shark Tournament; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Galilee.

August 30-September 1: R.I. Tuna Pre-Tournament "Chum-Up"; Galilee.

September 2-4: 15th Annual R.I. Tuna Tournament; Galilee.

September 14-16: 30th Annual United States Atlantic Tuna Tournament; Galilee.

September 17: Bay State Frogmen Massachusetts Open Spearfishing Meet; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Sakonnet Point, Little Compton.

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A fishing report, tide tables and general fishing information will appear in the L.I.F. on a weekly basis.

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Narragansett Pier	- 0:08
Point Judith, Harbor Of Refuge	- 0:07
Watch Hill Point	+ 0:44

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8/17	2:01	2:38
8/18	3:02	3:35
8/19	4:01	4:33
8/20	4:58	5:25
8/21	5:51	6:14
8/22	6:36	6:57
8/23	7:21	7:40
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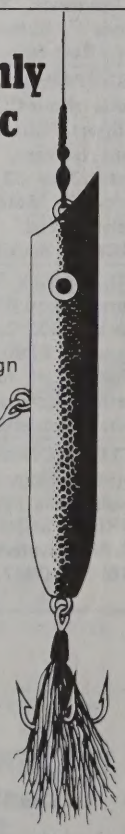

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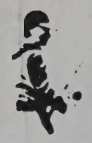

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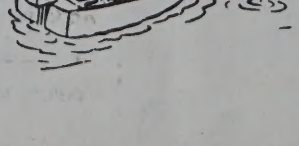

What are *YOU* doing about it? *FIGHT POLLUTION!!!*

TIDES: SOUTH SHORE
SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	1:43	2:26
Fri.	2:38	3:22
Sat.	3:43	4:23
Sun.	4:52	5:23
Mon.	5:53	6:16
Tues.	6:44	7:04
Wed.	7:28	7:46
Thur.	8:09	8:29

	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
STATEN ISLAND	+0	07
ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Bergen Beach	+0	29
J.F.K. Airport	+0	26
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
JONES INLET	-0	19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	5:43	6:08
Sat.	6:45	7:08
Sun.	7:46	8:03
Mon.	8:42	8:57
Tues.	9:33	9:48
Wed.	10:18	10:32
Thur.	11:00	11:15
	11:41	11:59

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

ADD 6 HOURS FOR LOW TIDE

Gene Kowalski's Original FISHERMAN'S ALMANAC & WILDLIFE ACTIVITY TABLES

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
AUG	AUG	AUG	AUG	AUG	AUG	AUG	AUG

GREATEST WILDLIFE ACTIVITY: A.M. MIDNIGHT TO NOON

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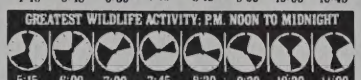
GREATEST WILDLIFE ACTIVITY: P.M. NOON TO MIDNIGHT



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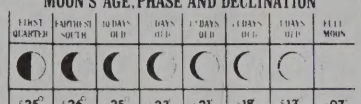
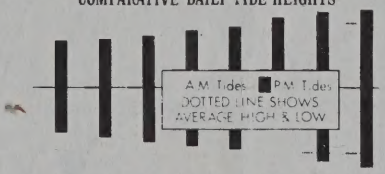
MOON'S AGE, PHASE AND DECLINATION



FIRST QUARTER	FARTHEST SOUTH	10 DAYS OLD	15 DAYS OLD	20 DAYS OLD	25 DAYS OLD	28 DAYS OLD	FULL MOON
S25°	S26°	25°	23°	21°	S18°	S13°	07°

COMPARATIVE DAILY TIDE HEIGHTS



MOON RISE AND SET

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10:40	11:53		12:35	1:17	2:43	3:52	5:01

SUN RISE AND SET

5:13	6:14	5:15	6:10	5:17	6:08	5:19	5:20
5:51	6:53	5:54	6:50	6:47	6:46	6:45	6:44

The ACTIVITY CHARTS show the most probable feeding times for fish and wildlife each day, calculated from the relative positions of the sun, the moon and the earth. A.M. means midnight to noon; P.M. means noon to midnight.

TIDES: L.I. SOUND
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	5:14	5:41
Fri.	6:17	6:45
Sat.	7:58	7:54
Sun.	9:09	9:05
Mon.	9:56	9:53
Tues.	10:36	10:34
Wed.	11:05	11:13
Thur.	11:38	11:50

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND
NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	4:00	4:27
Fri.	5:00	5:22
Sat.	6:01	6:14
Sun.	6:54	7:02
Mon.	7:39	7:47
Tues.	8:21	8:29
Wed.	8:57	9:10
Thur.	9:39	9:53

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
Montauk Point	-1	13

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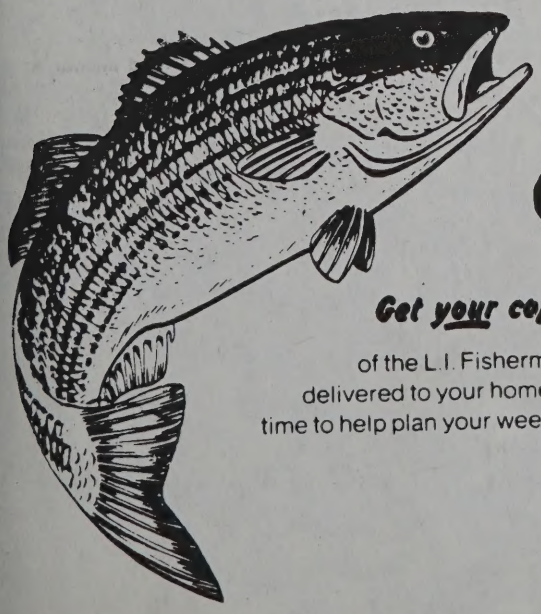

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